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Letter dated 30 November 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 4 October 1999, I have the honour to draw your attention to new violations of the flight information region of Nicosia and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 11, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 November 1999.

On 11 November, one CN-235 Turkish aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 1222 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus, from where it departed, at 1413 hours, returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 14 November, one GULFSTREAM Turkish aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 1101 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus, from where it departed, at 1253 hours, returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 16 November, one C-650 Turkish aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 1452 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus, from where it departed, at 1625 hours, returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 17 November, one CN-235 Turkish aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus,

flying over the area of Mesaoria, before landing at 0840 hours at the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied area of the Republic of Cyprus, from where it departed, at 1100 hours, returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 21 November, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction. Early that afternoon, the same aircraft once more violated the national airspace of the Republic Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia, before returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 22 November, one F-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia (Cape of Apostolos Andreas), before exiting in a south-easterly direction.

On 23 November, two RF-4 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the areas of Famagusta and Kyrenia before returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 24 November, one C-160 Turkish military aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. The aircraft in question violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia, before exiting in a south-easterly direction. Early that afternoon, the same aircraft once more violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia, before returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

On 26 November, nine Turkish military aircraft (six F-16, two RF-4, and one transport aircraft), entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. The six F-16 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the areas of Kyrenia, Mesaoria and Famagusta, before returning to the flight information region of Ankara. The two RF-4 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the areas of Morfou, Kyrenia and Mesaoria, before returning to the flight information region of Ankara. The transport aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia before landing, at 1734 hours, at the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied area of the Republic.

On 27 November, 20 Turkish military fighter aircraft and one Turkish transport military CN-235 aircraft entered the Nicosia flight information region, violating international air traffic regulations. The 20 fighter aircraft violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, for a total of nine times, flying over the areas of Morfou, Kyrenia and Mesaoria, before returning to the flight information region of Ankara. The CN-235 violated the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus, flying over the area of Karpasia, before landing, at 757 hours, at the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied

area of the Republic, from where it departed, at 1525 hours, returning to the flight information region of Ankara. Also, on the same day, one transport aircraft departed at 1632 hours from the illegal airport of Tymbou, in the occupied area of the Republic, violating the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus before returning to the flight information region of Ankara.

As stated in my previous letters, these Turkish unauthorized intrusions into the Nicosia flight information region and the national airspace of the Republic of Cyprus are in violation of international air traffic rules and, at the same time, they are in contravention of the provisions of the Security Council resolutions on Cyprus.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to strongly protest at these new provocative acts by Turkey, which demonstrate once more Turkey's blatant disregard of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and all the relevant decisions of the Organization on the question of Cyprus.

I would also like to emphasize that the present violations occurred after the adoption of Security Council resolution 1251 (1999), in which the Council called upon all States to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus and to refrain from any action that might prejudice that sovereignty, independence or territorial integrity. My Government expects that the Turkish side will show compliance with the provisions of Security Council resolutions.

Furthermore I would like to point out that such actions take place at a time when the international community is expecting a positive attitude from the Turkish side, on the eve of talks in New York on 3 December, in order to prepare the ground for meaningful negotiations, leading to a comprehensive settlement of the Cyprus problem.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 63, and of the Security Council.

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